

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 737

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A RESOLUTION to honor David Crockett and his descendants as they celebrate their annual Crockett Family Reunion.

WHEREAS, the family is the basic building block that shapes our society, and the lives of family members, filled with work and play, love and laughter, illness and health, grief and disappointment, and success and achievement shape the course of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the history of our state and nation is woven from the countless threads of the histories of families, and these family chronicles are worthy of our appreciation; and

WHEREAS, between July 4 and July 6, 2012, members of the Crockett family will come together at Paris Landing State Park to celebrate the memory of their distinguished ancestor, and renowned Tennessean, David "Davy" Crockett; and

WHEREAS, occurring every year and alternating between Tennessee and Texas, the reunion provides both close and distant relatives the opportunity to share family news and information, while introducing newcomers to the Crockett family genealogy; and

WHEREAS, this year the reunion will also usher family members and attendees to the Henry County courthouse for the unveiling of the portrait of John Wesley Crockett, the son of David and Polly Crockett; and

WHEREAS, born on August 17, 1786, in northeastern Tennessee, David Crockett was a legendary hunter and statesman; and

WHEREAS, after serving as a magistrate of his local community, he was elected to the Tennessee State Legislature in 1821, serving for two consecutive terms. He then served in the United States Congress for three terms, from 1827 until 1833; and

WHEREAS, shortly after leaving Congress, he bid farewell to the Volunteer State and found a new home in Texas; and

WHEREAS, it was here that David Crockett valiantly and selflessly sacrificed his life in defense of Texan independence at the Battle of the Alamo; and

WHEREAS, given his years of public service and his courageous acts of heroism, David Crockett is duly deserving of the pride and reverence of the State of Tennessee and its citizens, and we take great pleasure in joining his descendants in their celebration of family pride; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are also pleased to recognize the many descendants of this strong and valiant family of our State as they gather to remember their triumphs and accomplishments, recall various historical events in their family, and exchange news of current events; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and welcome the 2012 Crockett Family Reunion and wish these exceptional individuals all the best as they preserve the memory of their celebrated ancestor, David "Davy" Crockett, renew family connections, and revisit their wonderful shared family history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.